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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method for mapping a hierarchical data format to a relational database management system. It is an object of the invention to provide a method for mapping a hierarchical data format comprising descriptors (1, 10, 11) to a relational database management system capable of handling diverse types of hierarchical descriptors (1, 10, 11) in a fast manner for inserting descriptors (1, 10, 11), reading parts of descriptors (1, 10, 11), reading whole descriptors (1, 10, 11) and performing fast text queries. According to the invention, the descriptors (1, 10, 11) are separated into portions of a common format, which are stored in a relation (20, 21, 22...) in the relational database.